

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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PRUNING OF WORKFORCE
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited has proposed to prune its workforce by March, 2002 because of recession in steel industry;
- (b) whether labour productivity in SAIL is one-eighth of the levels achieved elsewhere in the world; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) As part of rationalisation of manpower SAIL has been reducing its workforce every year keeping the long-term target of one lakh manpower by the financial year 2004-05. The workforce proposed to be attained by March 2002 is around 1,48,000.

(b)&(c): Labour productivity of SAIL is not comparable to steel sector elsewhere due to differences in technology, level of outsourcing, differences in degree of automation, capacity utilisation etc. The Labour Productivity in SAIL is 108 tonnes of Crude Steel per man-year for the period April-December 2001, as compared to 96 tonnes of Crude Steel per man-year for the year 1997-98.